

## Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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### Comment text:

As a resident of Capel Parish for 29 years I strongly object to the boundary changes proposal of the new Pembury & Capel Ward for the following reasons; 1) Capel Parish is a mainly rural ward whereas Pembury is a suburb of Tunbridge Wells and therefore the two wards have vastly different pressures on them, needs of residents, community character and infrastructure that cannot be successfully represented by three proposed councillors. Capel's interests, being the less populated area has the potential to be overlooked if the proposals go ahead. 2) the two wards previously have had no interaction in terms of shared community activities and resources, shared vision, shared causes or even shared public transport links (there are none currently) and the differences between the wards will mean that councillors elected to represent both areas will have difficulty in building trust and respect from the different groups of residents 3) The community of Capel Parish is under enormous threat to its very existence at present due to the proposed Tunbridge Wells Local Plan and the planned 6000 houses in this one Ward. Pembury has no such threat at present and so a councillor who may reside in Pembury and be elected by Pembury voters will have difficulty in understanding the threat and its impact on one part of this larger proposed ward. It is unrealistic, impractical and unfair to propose such boundary changes whilst this threat is overhanging. 4) The new Berkeley Homes development to the South of the B2017 IN Paddock Wood fits much more appropriately within the ward of Paddock Wood and not within Pembury & Capel. How strange and frankly bizarre to think that a part of Paddock Wood can be split off from the rest of Paddock Wood and become part of another Ward?

### Uploaded Documents:

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